

“Go in close, and when you think you are close, go in closer.”  
– Maj. Thomas McGuire



Photo by Airman 1st Class Timothy J. Stein

## Hold really still...

A chapel volunteer paints the face of Emily Ausborn, 7, daughter of Carolee and Maj. Jeff Ausborn, 84th Flying Training Squadron safety chief, during the harvest festival at the base chapel Sunday.

# Laughlin PMEL makes the grade

**By Airman 1st Class Yvonne Conde**

*Staff writer*

Laughlin's Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory passed its initial Air Force calibration inspection since converting to a military operation earlier this year.

The Air Force Metrology and Calibration laboratory certification office team assessed and certified that PMEL can perform safe, accurate and reliable measurements.

These measurements are tracked through the Air Force Primary Standards Laboratory to meet standards

set by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, said Britten Gambrel, 47th FTW component maintenance division chief.

Laughlin's PMEL lost its required certification during a previous audit. Operations continued under an approved corrective action plan in order to support the wing and its mission.

“When there is a significant change in PMEL management or workforce, the PMEL is required to be assessed within six months to verify capability,” said Gambrel. “This PMEL passed all

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# Two Air Force heroes speak at air power call

**By Airman 1st Class Timothy J. Stein**  
*Editor*

Laughlin welcomed two Air Force heroes here for an air power call at the Anderson Hall auditorium Oct. 25.

Retired Maj. Gen. Frederick Blesse and retired Col. Bill Campbell spoke about their Air Force experiences to an audience of about 300 people.

General Blesse, a Korean War ace, spoke first. He told a story about how he got his 10th kill

while flying an F-86. On his way home after the kill, General Blesse ran out of fuel and he had to eject. He landed in the ocean where he was quickly rescued.

Colonel Campbell, who flew cargo planes for most of his career, took the stage next. He started his speech by revealing one of the biggest things he had learned in the Air Force.

“Never follow a fighter pilot when giving a speech,” joked Colonel Campbell.

He went on to entertain the audience with stories from his career during Vietnam.

The two speakers opened up the floor for questions from the audience at the end of the program. They answered questions about survival training and fighting tactics.

General Blesse said he was very grateful for airlift training when he got caught in a fire in a Las Vegas hotel six years after he retired and he and his wife had to be airlifted off a 26th floor balcony by helicopter.

Col. Jeff Ellis, 87th Flying Training Squadron commander, presented mementos to both speakers at the end of the air power call.

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## Commanders' Corner

By Lt. Col. Jennifer Graham

47th Mission Support Squadron commander

### Laughlin creates a sense of belonging

Last week Lt. Col. Godwin gave an Operation Readiness Inspection presentation at my mission support squadron commander's call. He reminded us how important it is for each agency to demonstrate our horizontally integrated and supportive attitude to the inspectors. For MSS personnel to rave about the Thursday night shrimp feast at Club XL and for security forces to praise the finance folks for their speedy and trouble free implementation of LeaveWeb. For the operations group to acknowledge the specialized attention out-board student's receive with their assignments. You get the picture.

So when I think, "a horizontally integrated and supportive attitude" I realize we are talking about a term we use here, Team XL.

What does it mean to belong to Team XL?

What does belonging mean? For me, it's the fact my boss met me at billeting the first night I arrived on base. It is the warm and helpful welcome I received from my neighbors on Knight Street, the generosity and expression of community I felt and still feel from Chap. (Lt. Col.) Carl Swanson and his staff. It's in the inspiration I received from the role models we have in Col. Ken Smith, 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander, and his wife, Rose-Marie, who told us there is no place they would rather be on their 25th wedding anniversary than at the Airman Leadership School graduation. It's the agreeable teaming I find in my peers and fellow squadron commanders across the base and the refreshing strength of leadership I find in every echelon of our chain of

command.

Most importantly for me, it is the desire I see in the eyes of the men and women of the MSS who want to be excellent, to exceed expectations in the performance of their mission and to belong to a larger team where their specialized expertise is valued.

At its core, belonging has to do with caring. Caring first, for our airmen, their aspirations, their worries, the things they feel but don't have to talk about. And caring simultaneously about the mission. It is the ability to do both at the same time that sets the Air Force way of life apart from all others.

***"To belong, we must understand and care for our airmen and the mission first, then focus on our individual duty performance."***

In my opinion, the reason we are the greatest Air Force in the history of the world is we've inherited enough "mustang" spirit from our Billy

Mitchells and enough scientific reasoning from our Hap Arnolds to embrace a culture demanding constant and forward innovation.

We do lean forward because airmen push themselves – hold themselves, their peers, their subordinates and most importantly their superiors accountable everyday.

I'm confident no one can foster a sustained culture of constant and forward innovation without fostering a culture of belonging.

Belonging is what makes the Air Force way of life different, inclusive and enviable. If we were doing this as best as we could across the entire Air Force, I'm confident re-enlistment and pilot bonuses would not be necessary, more families would stay with us for a career and supervisors and commanders at all levels would gauge their successes not just on mission performance but how well they fostered a belonging culture.

How do we belong? For me, it is recognizing and advocating what Col. Victor Hantiuk, 47th Support Group commander, has told us, that each of us must strive to be impact players.

I've learned quickly, in a base this size, every person counts. The guidance we recently received from retired Chief Master Sgt. Wood tells us to be professionals first and specialists second. This is critically important.

To belong, we must understand and care for our airmen and the mission first, then focus on our individual duty performance.

Accomplishing Team XL's important mission depends upon every airmen, every family member, every civil servant and every contractor. Each of us must perform at levels that exceed standards. You see, belonging is the obligation of each of us to each other. Once we can hold ourselves accountable, we can begin over time and with maturity to expand the range of our accountability. We become accountable for our work, then our subordinates and at some point the Air Force itself. Belonging means we exist in a realm in which conversations start like, "what should we be doing today?" As opposed to, "What must we do today?"

I find at Laughlin all the ingredients you might expect to find in an exceptional Air Force community. Let us all throw in a dash of optimism, an obvious commitment to excellence, and in our actions and our dialogue foster a sense of belonging.

So I ask each of you to spend some time thinking about the three of five things that define how you "Belong to Team XL." These are the reasons Laughlin can seem to you, as Colonel Smith has told us, "a piece of West Texas heaven", and why Team XL epitomizes the Air Force way of life.



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# SFS to enforce bicycle laws

The 47th Security Force Squadron has been tasked to enforce bicycle safety laws. Starting Monday people not following the laws will receive a ticket.

■ Bikes must have a clear headlight capable of emitting light a minimum of 500 feet. This light must be turned on during hours of reduced daylight.

■ Bikes also need a red reflector mounted on the rear of the bicycle that can be seen 300 feet away in all directions. A red light visible from 500 feet may be used in addition to the reflector.

■ Reflective equipment should include a red rear, a white front, and a red or colorless spoke reflector on the rear wheel, an amber or colorless reflector on the front wheel, and pedal reflectors.

■ Helmets are a must when riding bicycles. Hardshell helmets bearing stickers indicating approval of the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American National Standards Institute offer proven protection.

■ Bicyclists must follow the same rules as the motorists. They must obey all traffic rules, signs, signals and pavement markings; keep to the right; ride with the traffic, not against it; and keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead.

■ Bicyclists should wear bright clothing so they can always be seen during the day. At night, cyclists should wear reflective clothing designed to bounce back motorists' headlight beams. Reflecting tape on helmet at night and safety flags attached to the rear of your bike also help approaching motorists see you more clearly.

■ Bicyclists should ride in single file. Bicycling two abreast can be dangerous when trying to pass and will impede motor vehicle traffic.

■ Bicyclists must make safe turns. Riders should signal turns well before the intersection using correct hand signals: left arm straight out for left turns, left forearm extended up for right turn. Exercise caution when passing a standing vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

■ Bicyclists should never wear clothing that blocks their vision. They should avoid wearing loose clothing or long coats that can catch in pedals or wheels. Leg clips or bands keep pants from tangling in the chain.

■ Wearing portable headphones, earphones or listening devices, and the use of cellular telephones while bicycling on roads and streets on Department of Defense installations is prohibited.

## Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.



Col. Dan Woodward  
47th Flying Training  
Wing commander

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.

Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

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# Insurance is a must for renters

By Capt. Todd Logan  
56th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate Office

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. – When you buy a new home, the bank that finances the purchase will require you to obtain homeowner's insurance to protect its investment.

How come when you rent an apartment or a home, the landlord does not require you to purchase renter's insurance? The answer is simple: Landlords have insurance to protect their property, which is equal to the limit of their investment.

Many renters believe, mistakenly, the landlord's policy protects them if there is a loss. According to the Insurance Information Institute, only 29 percent of renters have renter's insurance.

If a fire were to break out in an apartment community, destroying 100 apartments, on average 71 residents would have to replace all of their belongings without any insurance protection. However, the landlord would be protected and insurance would cover the loss of the dwelling, but

not the loss of the personal items of the uninsured. Even if renters are aware their landlord's policy does not protect them in case of loss, many people do not think they have anything worth insuring. In most cases this is not true.

People also think they do not need renter's insurance because their apartment has no history of robberies, fires, floods or burst pipes. Insurance is a safety net, meant to cover people from loss as the result of an unexpected event. On average, renter's insurance costs about \$150 to \$200 a year. The amount of coverage a renter wants is the most significant factor in determining cost, but it is not the only factor. The cost can also vary depending on the location of the apartment or rental home, number and location of smoke detectors, number of rental units in an apartment building and whether the rental unit has a security system.

Do not wait for the sudden, unexpected event to happen to you before you decide whether you need renter's insurance, because by then it may be too late.

*“Excellence –  
not our goal,  
but our  
standard.”*

– 47th FTW motto

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critical areas of the assessment and received excellent ratings on training and production control.”

According to Gambrel, the certification is significant because it is the first big inspection since PMEL converted back to a military operation.

“The success of this audit speaks volumes of the importance of core training in the discipline of metrology and the delicate balance outsourcing and privatization must consider,” he said. “PMEL received its certification as a direct result of re-converting to military.”

The 15 men and women in PMEL calibrate and maintain more than 2,500 test, measurement and diagnostic equipment items each year.

According to Master Sgt. Dan Kjolhede, 47th FTW Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Branch chief, the PMEL earned noteworthy comments from the audit team for significant improvements in product and process quality since the 2001 assessment.

“PMEL management made full use of the process review to implement continuous process and effective product quality improvements,” he said. “PMEL management and quality personnel addressed and corrected every problem from the February 2001 evaluation report and recalibrated all laboratory working standards after the military conversion to ensure accurate and traceable mea-



Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Kjolhede

Airman 1st Class James White, 47th Flying Training Wing precision measurement equipment laboratory journeyman, lets Chief Master Sgt. Walter Truax III, surements.

“Nothing is more important to a PMEL or its metrologists than AFMETCAL certification,” said Gambrel. “This audit and its findings showed that

Air Force Metrology and Calibration laboratory certification assessor, take a closer look as he calibrates test equipment.

Laughlin once again has a capable PMEL supporting the Air Force mission. The men and women of PMEL worked hard over the last 10 months and are very proud of what they accomplished.”

## ORI preparation

The *Border Eagle* offers tips to help Laughlin members prepare for the Operation Readiness Inspection, which takes place in five weeks.

**Leave program management:** Is the unit receiving the leave balance listing from FSO and using it or the Leave and Earnings Statement to control the approval of advance, excess and terminal leaves? Does the unit ensure leave authorization numbers are not issued more than 14 days before the leave effective date? Is the unit following up with the supervisor on Air Force Forms 988, Part 1, which do not appear on the DROT within six workdays after the leave authorization number has been issued?

**Continuity books:** Make sure they are current. They are the documents that will speak for you if you are TDY or unavailable.

**Weight management program:** Review these records and conduct a weigh-in of all personnel. Also review ergometry testing records and dependent care program records.

## Charitable auction

The Officers Spouses Club is holding a charitable auction at 6:30 p.m. today at the Club XL ballroom. There is no admission fee and all

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money raised will go for scholarships. Events include a silent and live auction and a raffle.

For more information, call 298-2704.

## Salary negotiations

The Family Support Center is holding a class on how to negotiate salary and benefits with a potential employer from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the FSC conference room.

For more information, call 298-5620.

## Tobacco cessation class

A tobacco cessation course is set for 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Health and Wellness Center conference room.

For more information, call 298-6463.

## Thanksgiving dinner

The base chapel will hold its Annual Chapel Thanksgiving Dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Club XL. The meal costs \$5, kids eat free.

For more information or to purchase tickets,

call 298-5111.

## Lost and found

The 47th Security Forces maintains a lost and found at the dispatch desk. Individuals may drop off and claim items as required there.

Currently in the lost and found is cellular phone, several key chains and some jewelry.

If any of these items are yours, call 298-5462.

## GI Bill

Montgomery GI Bill benefits have increased for active duty and selected reserve members as of Oct. 1. Service members can now receive up to \$900 a month in education benefits with at least three years of active duty experience. Selected Reserve members can now receive \$276 a month.

## Honor guard

The base honor guard is looking for more volunteers. The honor guard performs at base functions and travels over a 17-county area providing a last salute to veterans who have passed away.

For more information or to volunteer, call 298-5159.

# Independent audit proves fairness of promotion tests

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – A private industry audit has graded as “outstanding” the three Air Force enlisted tests used in helping select airmen for promotion in the noncommissioned officer ranks.

“This is welcome news. This validates what we do,” said Paul Stanley, chief of test development at the Air Force Occupational Measurements Squadron here.

The Chauncey Group International, a subsidiary of Educational Testing Service, which produces the widely used SAT college admissions test, was granted unlimited access to the testing process for the independent audit, company officials said.

Its auditors rated all 11 areas evaluated either “outstanding” or “excellent.”

“We are always trying to improve the system and we wanted a leader in the testing industry to comment on what we could do better and on what we’re doing well,” Stanley said. “This audit does those things for us. They gave us some good things to consider as well.”

Evaluators examined records and interviewed test-makers at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron. They also visited five testing locations to talk with test-givers and test-takers.

The Air Force commissioned the study as part of “ongoing assessment” of enlisted testing, said Col. Dale Vande Hey, director of personnel programs at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

The Chauncey report included 16 suggestions for consideration. Many of those were already being studied by Air Force test administrators, such as a suggestion to “consider verifying the reading level of questions,” Mr. Stanley said.

“They’ve identified for us many of the very same issues we know are important,” he said, “and this is a way for us to get some outside opinions validating that we’ve been approaching those issues in the right way.”

The audit ran from February to May and involved visiting two test centers in San Antonio and three in the Washington, D.C., area. Air Force officials received the results at Randolph Sept. 25.

“We’re pleased that our efforts to have valid, fair and credible tests for assessing our enlisted force have been determined to be sound by industry standards,” Mr. Stanley said.

The Chauncey Group is located in Princeton, N.J., and has been designing, developing and administering occupational, licensure, certification and professional assessments for 30 years, company officials said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center)

# Bush signs defense package, military to receive \$355 billion

By Tech Sgt. Scott Elliot  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – President George W. Bush signed the fiscal 2003 Defense Appropriations Act on Oct. 23, giving the military \$355 billion with which to confront “grave new dangers.”

This year’s defense bill authorizes the military to spend more than \$37 billion above last year’s budget.

“The security of the American people is the first commitment of the American government,” Bush said. “Our nation must fully support the men and women of our military who confront these dangers on our behalf.”

According to the president, the legislation authorizes a 4.1 percent pay raise for servicemembers, provides additional full-time support personnel for the National Guard and Reserve, and continues to reduce the out-of-pocket cost for

housing. Besides the appropriations bill, Bush signed the 2003 Military Construction Appropriations Act, authorizing \$10.5 billion for building and upgrading installations and military family housing.

“We’re taking care of our people,” Bush said. “We want the people who wear the uniform to know

***“We want the people who wear the uniform to know America appreciates their service.”***

**– President George W. Bush**

America appreciates their service.”

In authorizing nearly \$58 billion for research and development, the bill allows the Air Force to make major advances in transformational technology.

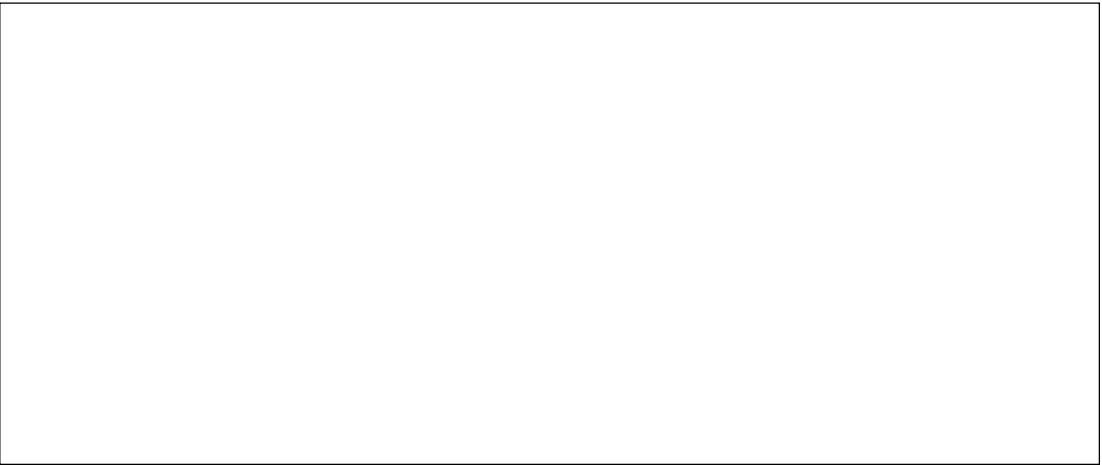
“The bill ends some weapons systems that aren’t going to meet the needs of the future,” the president said. “Instead we will fund new systems, systems that will enable our military to do a more effective job at defending America and our freedoms, systems such as unmanned aerial vehicles like the Predator and Global Hawk that we’ve used so effectively in Afghanistan.”

The bill:

- Provides \$265 million for B-2 Spirit bomber research and development.
- Authorizes \$4.7 billion for R&D and procurement of 23 F-22 Raptors
- Provides \$3.3 billion to purchase 15 C-17 Globemaster III aircraft
- Allows \$3.5 billion for Joint Strike Fighter R&D.
- Appropriates more than \$7 billion for ballistic missile defense.
- Provides \$770 million for the purchase of satellite-guided Joint Direct Attack Munitions.
- Grants \$882 million for the joint-service drug interdiction mission.
- Provides \$150 million for breast cancer and prostate cancer research.

“(This bill) sends a clear signal to friend and foe alike, that it doesn’t matter how long it takes to defend our freedom; the United States of America will stay the course,” Bush said.

“The bill says America is determined and resolute to not only defend our freedom, but freedom around the world,” he said. “We’re determined and resolute to answer the call to history, and that we will defeat terror.”





# Air Force to test new GI Bill program

By Staff Sgt  
C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force will soon begin testing a retention tool designed to help some service members provide for their family’s education.

As part of the Montgomery GI Bill Transferability Test Program, members working in selected critical career fields will be able to transfer a portion of their MGIB benefits to one or more family members. Both commissioned and enlisted members will be eligible.

Senior Master Sgt. Joey Walker, chief of retention policy for the Air Force directorate of learning force development, said the program gives service members another great reason to sign on the dotted line.

“There are many factors that influence a person’s decision to stay in the Air Force,” Sergeant Walker said. “This is a great initiative we can use to target (Air Force career fields) experiencing low retention.”

For enlisted members to take advantage of this targeted re-enlistment benefit, they must re-enlist between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30, 2003, have between six and 12 years time in service, already be eligible for MGIB benefits and work in one of the selected critical Air Force specialties. The career fields for enlisted members include linguists, firefighters and communications computer system programmers.

Officer career fields include developmental engineers, scientists and civil engineers. To be eligible, these officers must meet the same

time-in-service requirement as enlisted members, agree to incur a four-year active-duty service commitment during fiscal 2003 and already be eligible for MGIB benefits.

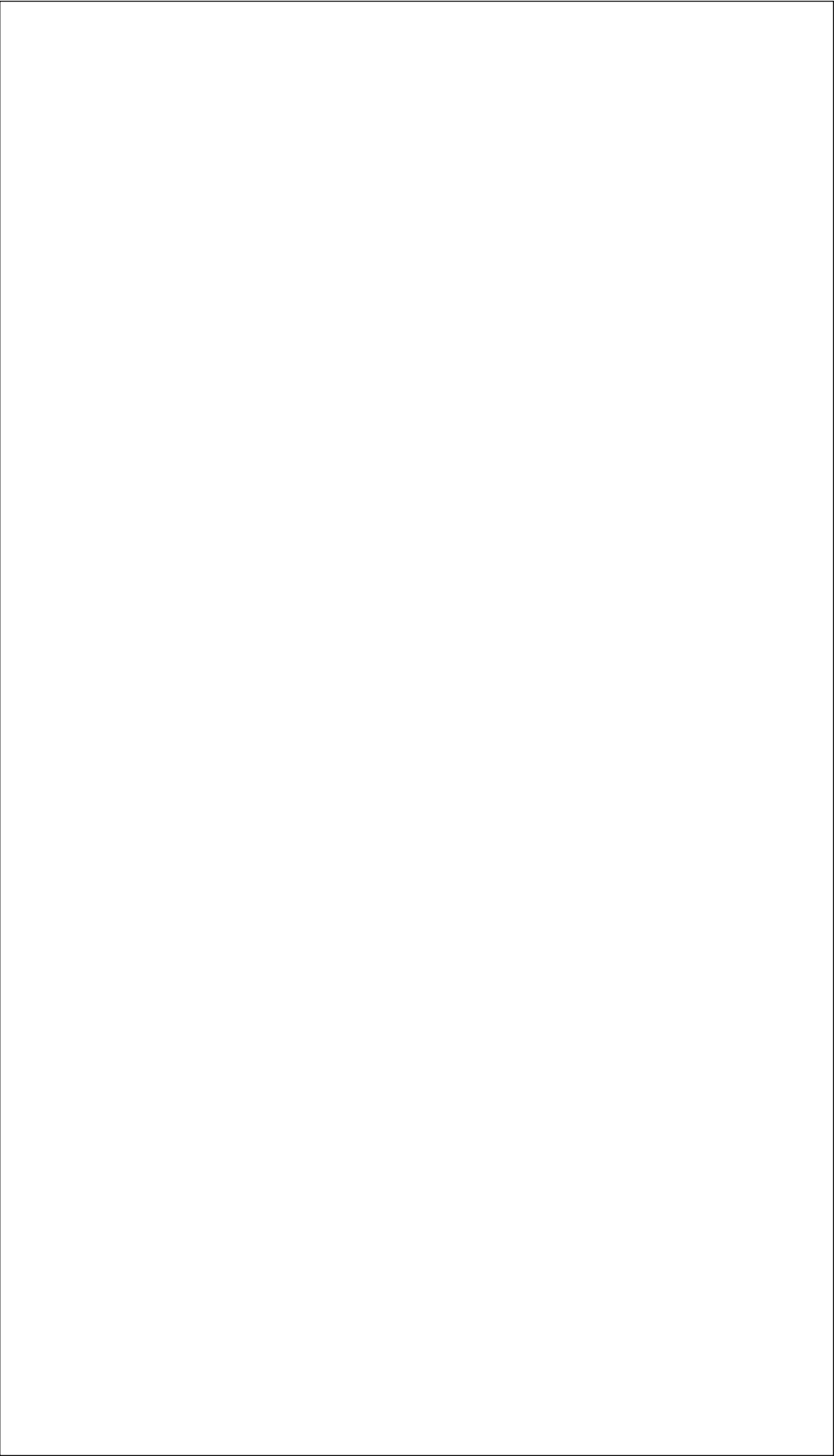
Air Force members meeting the eligibility criteria for the test program will be able to transfer up to 18 months of their MGIB benefits to their spouse, children or a combination of both.

Implementation plans for the proposed policy are being reviewed by officials at the Air Force Personnel Center, so the program has not yet been activated; however, service members who meet the criteria and who have already extended their service commitment will be eligible for the benefit.

“The program is not active yet because we have not sent implementation procedures out to the field,” said Jim Sweizer, chief of the voluntary education branch for the Air Force directorate of learning and force development. “But everybody who meets the criteria and who extends (his or her) active-duty service commitment during fiscal 2003 is still eligible for this benefit.”

All those taking advantage of the benefits of the test program will eventually be surveyed to determine the weight of the MGIB transferability option on their decision to extend their time in service. The results of the survey will help determine the continuation of the program.

For more information on the the Montgomery GI Bill Transferability Test Program, call the Laughlin education office at 298-4673.



# Laughlin honors military families in November

## Compiled from staff reports

In honor of military families, November has been designated Military Family Month to pay tribute to the dedication of military members, their families and services.

The celebration of military families began in the 1980s by First Lady Nancy Reagan and is now sponsored by the Armed Services.

The celebration recognizes the many sacrifices military families contribute to the nation.

Families make it possible for military members to respond to the

nation’s call, whether in time of peace or conflict.

Because of the worldwide deployments and long periods of separation, family support is appreciated.

All Laughlin personnel and their families are invited to participate in events sponsored by base agencies and squadrons.

Family Support will host the following events:

■ Nov. 5 – Family Support Center information table at the commissary from 1 to 3 p.m.

■ Nov. 6 – Thanksgiving dinner at the chapel from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is \$5

■ Nov. 8 – FSC will have an information table at the base exchange from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Nov. 18 – Family party for parent/child playgroup at the Fiesta Center from 10 a.m. to noon

■ Nov. 19 – Baby meets family party at the chapel from 2 to 3 p.m.

■ Nov. 22 – Single parents luncheon at the FSC

■ Nov. 26 – Family holiday feast at Club XL from 5 to 8 p.m.

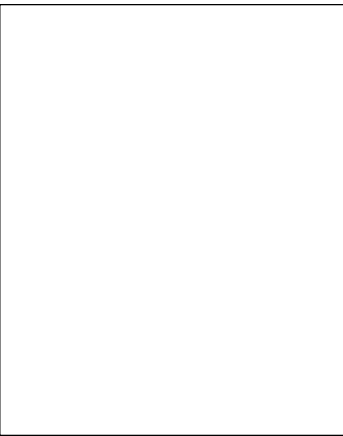
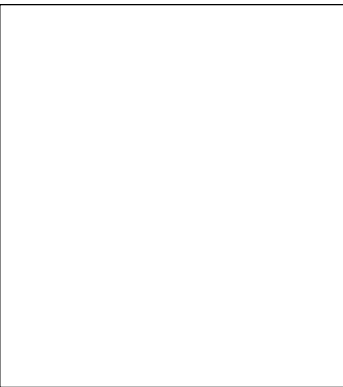
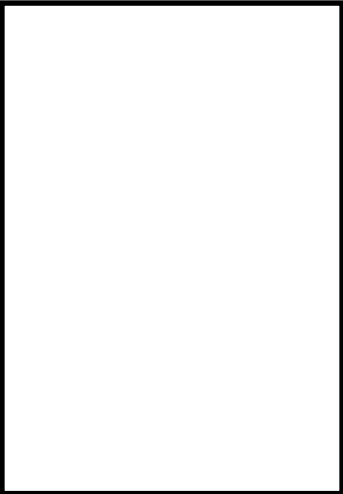
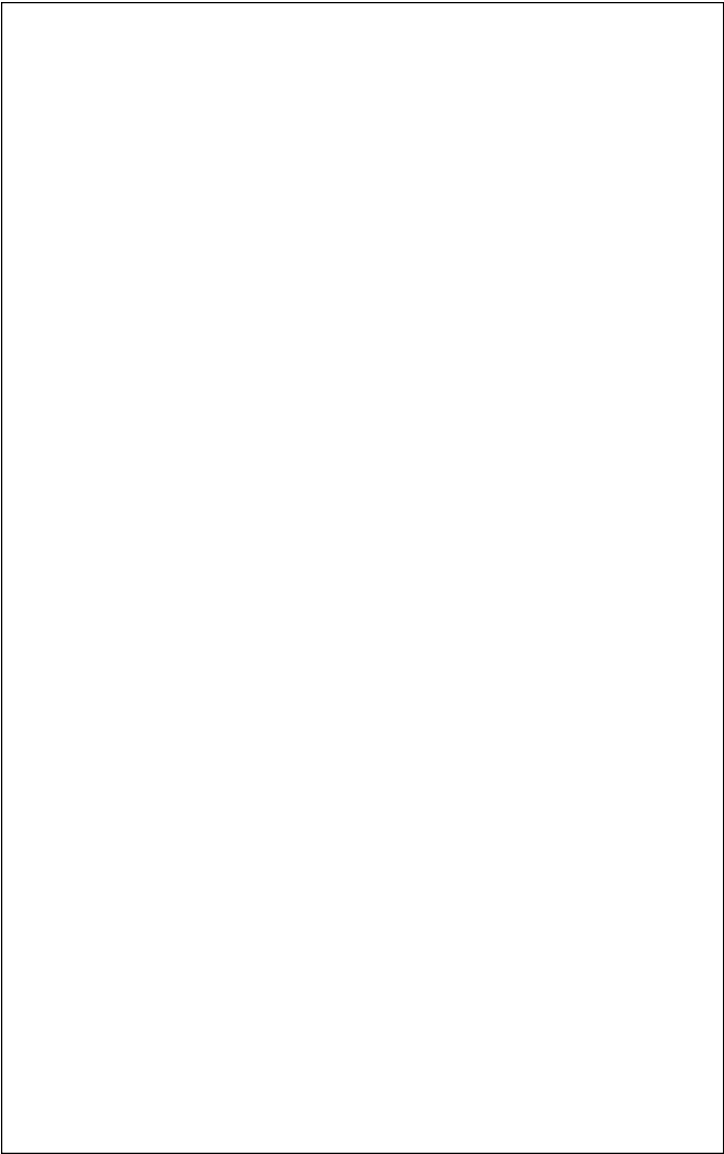
The base exchange, commissary and the services division will also schedule special events to honor military families at a later date.

In addition to the local events,

the Armed Services YMCA is sponsoring an Art Contest 2003 for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, and an essay contest 2003 for children in first through 12th grade. Contest winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds.

Please check the *Border Eagle* or call Aida Gutierrez, family life education program manager, at 298-5327 for further details.

A schedule of events and a list of the rules and entry forms are available at the Family Support Center or visit the Armed Forces YMCA Web site at <http://www.asymca.org>.



## Repatriated pilot laid to rest

By Staff Sgt.  
**C. Todd Lopez**  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON — An Air Force fighter pilot missing in action during the Vietnam War was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery Oct. 25.

Capt. Jefferson S. Dotson of Pound, Va., served during the Vietnam War with the 416th Tactical Fighter Squadron from Tuy Hoa Air Base, Republic of South Vietnam.

Dotson graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1966. He entered the Air Force in 1967 and deployed to South Vietnam the following year.

Aug. 9, 1969, then-1st Lt. Dotson and fellow pilot Capt. Lee Gourley embarked on a forward air control mission in an F-100F Super Sabre to collect intelligence information along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Around 9:30 a.m.,

Gourley radioed in the aircraft’s position, the two pilots’ last contact with their unit.

Some two hours later, their aircraft was declared missing. Search and rescue operations were conducted for the next two days without success.

Dotson was officially declared dead by the Air Force on April 26, 1976. He had been missing in action for nearly seven years and would have been 31 years old.

In December 2001, the U.S. government returned what were believed to be the remains of Dotson and Captain Gourley. DNA tests confirmed those beliefs.

Dotson is survived by his mother, Margery Lee Dotson; his daughter, Crista Dotson Plikat; his two sisters, Barbara Elkins and Sheila Cantrell; his brother, Otis Dotson; and his former wife, Mary Dotson Goetzel.

# Yeager makes last military flight during air show

By Leigh Anne Bierstine  
*Air Force Flight Test Center  
Public Affairs*

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – Aviation legend and retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager gave the F-15 Eagle one last ride Oct. 26, bringing his 60-year career flying military aircraft to a close in front of thousands of fans at the open house and air show at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

General Yeager, with Edwards test pilot Lt. Col. Troy Fontaine in the back seat, opened the event by climbing to just over 30,000 feet and impressed the crowd with his famous sonic boom. General Yeager first broke the sound barrier at Edwards in 1947 when he accelerated his rocket-powered Bell X-1 to the speed of Mach 1.06.

The crowd hushed as General Yeager landed and taxied under an archway of water gushing from two Edwards fire trucks per Air Force tradition. For his final military flight, Yeager was accompanied in the air with longtime friend and colleague retired Maj. Gen. Joe Engle flying his own F-15. The two legendary test pilots have been flying together for decades.

“This is a fun day for us because we get to fly good airplanes and do

something we’ve loved to do for some time,” General Yeager said. The general announced earlier this year that 60 years of military flying is long enough.

“Now is a good time,” said General Yeager. “I’ve had a heck of good time and very few people get exposed to the things I’ve been exposed to. I’ll keep on flying P-51s and light stuff, but I just feel it’s time to quit.”

Fans young and old were pleased with the opening flights. Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Thompson attended the air show with her family from Martinez, Calif.

“I was standing in the hangar when General Yeager flew by,” Thompson said. “He shook the whole hangar. It was really cool.”

After retiring from the Air Force in 1975 with more than 34 years of service, including combat in World War II and Vietnam, Yeager served as a consultant at the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School.

Besides the 40 years he spent flying with his colleagues at Edwards, the general recalled some of his most memorable times as those when he was flying combat missions.

“That is why the Air Force paid me,” said General Yeager. “That’s



Courtesy photo

Retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager salutes Maj. Gen. Doug Pearson, Air Force Flight Test Center commander, after exiting an F-15 Eagle Saturday at the Edwards Air Force Base's open house and air show. The flight marked the close of General Yeager's 60-year career flying military aircraft.

how I’ve always looked at it.” General Yeager said being scared was a waste of time. “If you can’t do anything about the outcome of something, forget it,” General Yeager said. “Instead you better concentrate on staying alive where you are.” Before his final military flight, the 79-year-old had some advice for pilots starting out. While he admitted having plenty of close calls, the general said good pilots know their

equipment and their limitations. “It’s not being a good pilot that keeps you alive,” he said. “What keeps you alive is knowing your airplane.” When asked about his favorite aircraft, Yeager said it depends on what a pilot needs the aircraft to do. “I want the one that kills the best with the least amount of risk to me,” said Yeager. “That’s the facts of life and that’s why you wear the uniform.”



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# Conference seeks to improve enlisted force management

**By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker**

*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – The Air Force recently held an Enlisted Force Management Planning Conference here to assess the health and sustainability of the enlisted force.

More than 50 functional experts, representing every major command and the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, spent three days focusing on requirements and accessions, expeditionary force management and the future total force, said Roger M. Blanchard, the Air Force’s assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel.

“One of our major goals was to reincorporate planning into our force management structure,” Blanchard said.

The senior field grade officers and senior noncom-

missioned officers who attended were divided into three working groups to each address one of these three main topics, said Lt. Col. Dennis J. DeGraff, deputy chief of the Air Force personnel directorate’s human resources strategic plans division at the Pentagon.

“We made a conscious effort to mix the participants’ experience to make sure we had the right representation in each group,” Colonel DeGraff said. “If one area required specific experts, we made sure those experts were assigned to the group that addressed that area.”

The working groups were tasked to provide recommendations, develop practical alternatives to current policies, and assess what barriers exist to policy development and implementation and what is needed to overcome them. Groups also

looked at determining how the Air Force can ensure any initiative will actually provide the service with the solution it needs.

“We definitely made them work,” Colonel DeGraff said. “They did more than sit through briefings and answer simple questions. We made each group think of all the nuances, variables and both the external and internal influences associated with the issue they were examining.”

Those efforts will pay off in the form of sound personnel decisions down the road for the Air Force, Blanchard said.

“The groups reached a consensus on many of the strategic approaches for (better) enlisted force management,” Blanchard said.

They determined first that it was necessary for force requirements to be articulated accurately and con-

sistently if the Air Force intends to close the gap between requirements and inventory, Blanchard said. They also determined that the Air Force needs to move away from a “one-size-fits-all” approach to force-sustainment actions and instead focus on the specialties where help is needed most.

Instead of wedging the expeditionary air force concept into the service’s traditional methods and procedures, EAF should be the driving factor behind enlisted force management policies, the working groups recommended.

They also recommended that the Air Force target any action and policy, track them and re-evaluate them periodically to prevent them from continuing indefinitely without reason.

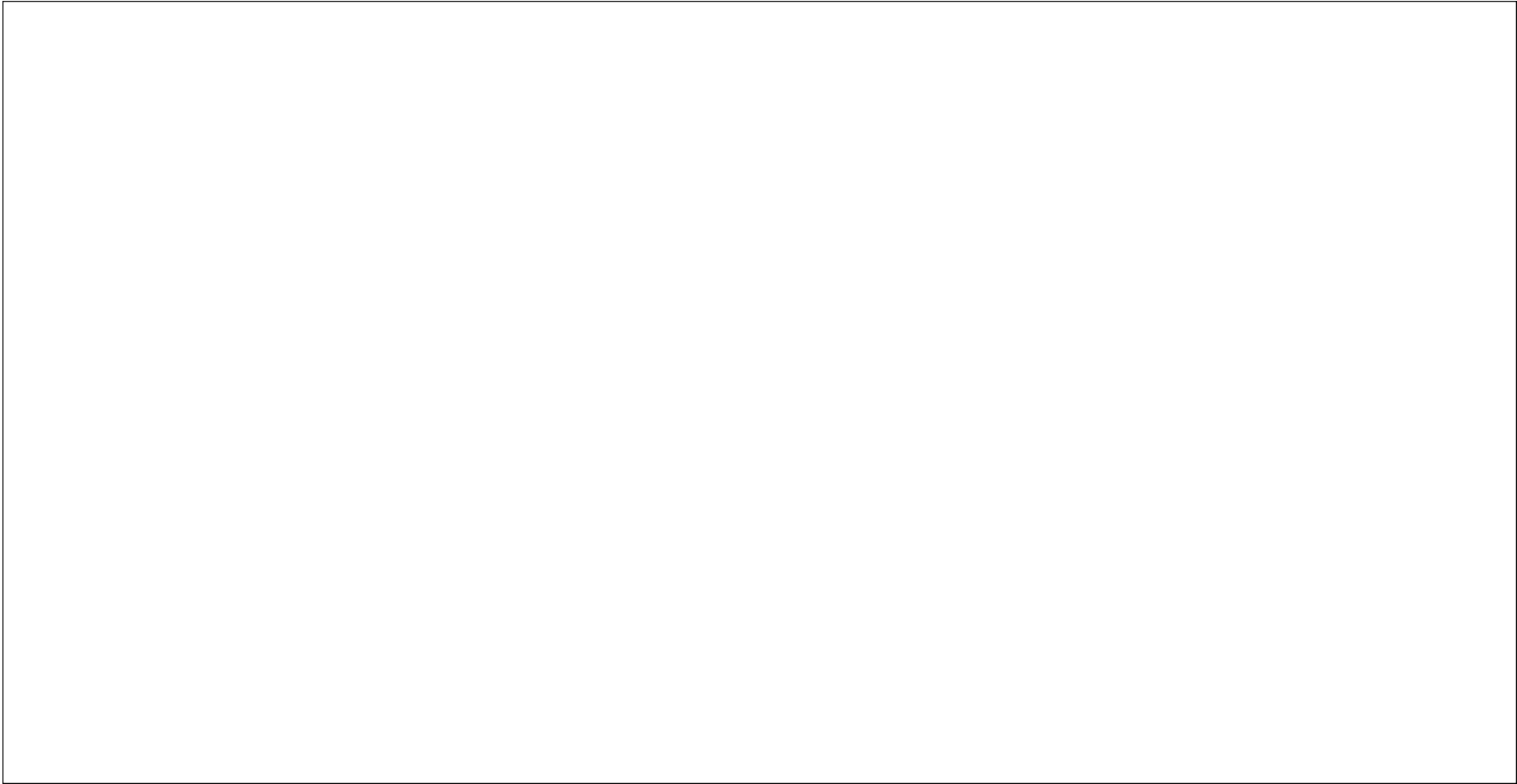
“A ‘sundown clause’ would ensure that once a policy or program has ac-

complished its intended goal, it would be turned off,” Blanchard said.

Finally, the groups saw a need for the Air Force to develop integrated and comprehensive career field plans that address the training requirements, lateral skill management and manning shortfalls for not only the active duty force but the total force.

“These recommendations are simply an initial summary of the conclusions reached by the conference attendees,” Blanchard explained. “The overall results will be studied, staffed, and shared with commanders (and) enlisted force managers at all levels, as well as enlisted career field functional managers.”

Personnel officials intend to hold future force-management planning conferences for officers and civilian employees and to address the total force.



# Deployed to Saudi Arabia:

## Airmen share experiences in austere locales

By Airman 1st Class  
Yvonne Conde

Staff writer

Preparing for a deployment? Regardless of the specific job you are sent to accomplish, it is important to understand each airman has the responsibility to support the overall mission of his deployed unit.

Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, hosts approximately 4,500 U.S. military personnel who help enforce the no-fly and no-drive zones over southern Iraq for operations Enduring Freedom and Southern Watch.

“Everyone sent out there contributes to the mission in one way or another,” said Senior Airman Debra Chaves, 47th Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, who deployed to Prince Sultan in March. “With everyone doing their parts, the mission is able

to get done. Services helped keep the morale of the personnel up, maintainers helped keep the aircraft flying and security forces stood at their posts in the heat, rain and dust storms to keep us secure.”

As a weather observer, Airman Chaves issued advisories such as crosswinds, lightning and other weather conditions.

“I was required to take weather observations every 30 minutes, keeping the forecasters and supervisor of flying updated on all current weather conditions significant to the flying operations,” said Airman Chaves.

She worked rotating 12-hour shifts, three days on and one day off. Since people weren’t allowed to leave the compound without a valid reason, services provided all personnel with a gym, sand volleyball, foosball and bingo to pass time. There was also a DVD lounge, movies available to rent or watch in the movie theater and an olympic-sized pool.

“We would get off a night shift and head to the pool and lay out for a few hours,” said Airman Chaves. “Then, at night, when we were off work, we would go to the pool, play cards or just hang out and listen to

music. There is a dance floor, and every night they played different music.”

The airmen there were able to keep in touch with home through e-mail and 15-minute morale calls twice a week.

Being away from home really provided an opportunity to appreciate all the small things, said Airman Chaves. “Every situation is what you make of it. Go into a deployment the same way you would go into a permanent change of station – expect the worst, but hope for the best.”

According to Airman Chaves, it is important to take a deployment as a learning experience. “I learned so much about my career field and came back with some great memories. I had never been overseas, much less in a real-world hostile environment, but I still made the best



**Natural resources:** Petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, gold, copper  
**Population:** 23,513,330  
**Religions:** One hundred percent Muslim  
**Languages:** Arabic  
**Government type:** Monarchy  
**Capital:** Riyadh  
**Exports:** Petroleum and petroleum products  
(Maps and facts courtesy of The World Factbook 2002)

## Saudi Arabia facts:

**Area comparative:** Slightly more than one-fifth the size of the United States  
**Climate:** Harsh, dry desert with great temperature extremes  
**Terrain:** Mostly uninhabited, sandy desert

of it.”  
The weather at Prince Sultan wasn’t much of a change from Laughlin, said Airman Chaves.  
“The blowing sand hurts,” commented Staff Sgt. Todd Hovis, 47th Communications Squadron assistant NCO in charge of network management.  
“The site looked barren,” he said. “There were only a few tents at the arrival point.”  
Initially, Sergeant Hovis was sent as a joint command communications controller, but because of his expertise with communication systems, he was moved to the theater network engineering office. There, he engineered all new communications for Air Force sites throughout the area of responsibility.

“We were also used as a source for technical expertise,” said Sergeant Hovis. “If a site could not figure out a communications problem on their own, they called us for help. The mission of Joint Task Force Southwest Asia was to provide real-time communications to the war fighter.”  
JTFSWA supported all the Air Force sites throughout the AOR – about 16 bases.  
For three months at Prince Sultan, Sergeant Hovis worked 12-hour shifts, six days a week while deployed.  
Anyone who has been deployed before knows that once new faces begin trickling in, it’s about time to go home, he said. “My job was done.”





## Laughlin Salutes

### 47th Flying Training Wing third-quarter winners:

#### Airman:

■ Senior Airman Becky Lederer, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

#### NCO:

■ Tech. Sgt. Daniel Thiel, 47th Contracting Squadron

#### Senior NCO:

■ Master Sgt. David Doan, 47th Operations Support Squadron

#### Company grade officer:

■ Capt. Scott Johnson, 47th Communications Squadron

#### Civilian category I:

■ Thomas Justice, 47th Maintenance Directorate

#### Civilian category II:

■ Howard Knoll, 47th Flying Training Wing

#### Civilian category III:

■ Neal Mihelich, 47th FTW

#### Non-appropriated funds

#### category I:

■ Ronda Baker, 47th Mission Support Group

#### Non-appropriated funds

#### category II:

■ Janie Soto, 47th MSG

#### Instructor pilot:

■ Capt. Wesley Smith, 47th OSS

#### Volunteer:

■ Diana Adkins, 47th Mission Support Squadron

#### Health and safety

#### contributor:

■ Capt. Boe Jensen, 47th OSS

#### Honor guard member:

■ Senior Airman Charles Cook, 47th Security Forces Squadron

#### Semi-annual outstanding

#### dormitory suite:

■ Laura Duck, 47th OSS

#### Semi-annual outstanding

#### dormitory single room:

■ Nellie Durkee, 47th MSG

## The *XLer*

**Hometown:** Augusta, Ga.

**Family:** Wife, Tara; father, Leon Sr.; mother, Vera; brothers, Leon Jr., Gregory

**Time at Laughlin:** 11 months

**Time in service:** 13 years, eight months

**Greatest accomplishment:**

Getting promoted to Technical Sergeant.

**Hobbies:** Weight lifting and custom stereo installation

**Bad habit:** Staying up too late at night

**Favorite film:** *Silence of the Lambs*

**Favorite musicians:** Maxwell, Teddy Pendergrass and Al Green

**If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?** My great grandmother, she was a very kind and beautiful person.

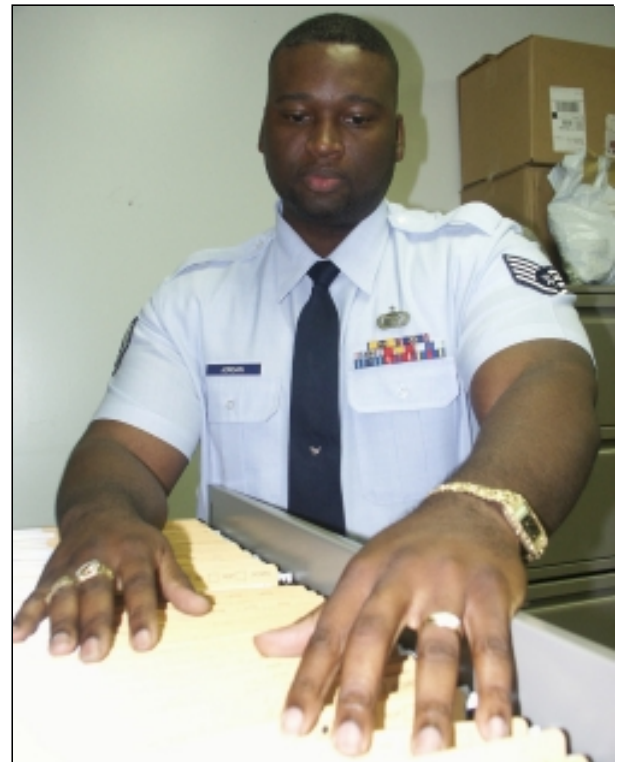


Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Conde

### Staff Sgt. Darryl Jordan

47th Mission Support Group

NCO in charge of commander's support staff

## Academy mascot vies for national title

### By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham

*Air Force Print News*

**WASHINGTON** – He doesn't have the pageantry of the Indian on the horse with the flaming spear, the "homeyness" of that dog from Tennessee, or the in-your-face attitude of that "other" bird in South Florida.

He lacks the tradition of the guy in the leprechaun suit, the ability to pull a wagon like that Oklahoma pony, and the raw power of that big ole Colorado ox.

But, there is one thing the Air Force Academy's mascot has that the rest do not. The "Bird," as he is commonly referred to in Colorado Springs, possesses a firm grip on second place

in the Mascot of the Year contest, sponsored by Capital One Bank. And he is very quickly gaining ground on the pussycat from Penn State.

As of Oct. 24, the Bird had captured 35 percent of the vote during the contest, a close second behind Penn State University's "The Nittany Lion," who has 36 percent. A distant third was "Sebastian the Ibis" from the University of Miami with 21 percent.

Pam Girado, Capital One spokeswoman, said the contest is a good way to recognize the team mascots, who she called the "unsung heroes" of college sporting events.

"Each year the best college football players are

named to the All-America teams, and for the first time ever, college mascots will have their own team," she said. "Mascots have a passion and energy that keeps thousands of college football fans screaming and yelling and coming back each week for great football."

First Lt. Chris Backus, cheerleading coach, said the Bird plays a key role in establishing the right atmosphere at academy games.

"Sometimes it can get really intense during the game," he said. "The Bird adds a little levity to the situation. He's big crowd favorite, especially with the kids."

Fans can vote for their favorite mascot through real-time, online polling at [www.capitalonebowl.com](http://www.capitalonebowl.com).



Chapel  
Schedule



Catholic

- Saturday • 5 p.m., Mass  
Sunday • 9:30 a.m., Mass  
• 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall  
Thursday • 6 p.m., Choir  
Reconciliation • By appointment  
Religious Education • 11 a.m. Sunday

Jewish

- Call Max Stool at 775-4519

Muslim

- Call Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

Nondenominational

- Friday • 7 p.m., Unity in Community Fellowship  
Every day • 12 to 1 p.m., prayer hour

Protestant

- Saturday • 6 p.m., Singles Bible study  
Sunday • 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday school  
• 11 a.m., General worship  
• 6:30 p.m., Officer Christian Fellowship, call 298-2238 for details.  
Wednesday • 10 a.m., Women’s Bible study, children welcome  
• 7 p.m., Choir at chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

Weather keeps’em flying

By Staff Sgt. Bobby Yettman  
455th Expeditionary Operations Group Public Affairs

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM – There may be rain today and heat tomorrow, or snow today and dusty winds tomorrow. These are some of the conditions the nine-member Air Force weather flight must contend with at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

Everyone needs to know what the weather is going to do, from the A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots who wonder if they will have enough visibility to see targets to the explosive ordnance disposal teams wondering when the season’s first freeze will occur.

“We tell the people here what they can expect from the weather before it gets here,” said Master Sgt. Mark Adams, the weather flight chief.

Any aircraft coming to, going from or flying near Bagram has communication with the weather flight to get constant updates on the weather. The weather flight monitors and briefs weather information for 11 different locations in the theater.

Monitoring such varying locations is not an easy task, Sergeant Adams said. His job is part art and part science.

“The biggest challenge we face out here is probably the lack of records,” he said. “For the last 30-plus years the Afghan people have been dealing with more important issues, like fighting wars,

than the weather. That means we don’t have the type of database we usually have to help us predict what the weather is going to do.”

The time spent in one location can help forecasters predict the weather of that area, Sergeant Adams said. With the nature of deployments, weather forecasters coming to this region do not have that type of first-hand knowledge available to them.

“About a month before I came here, I spent a lot of time preparing for this region, looking at the various weather patterns and such to give me a head start,” Sergeant Adams said.

Once on station, the new forecasters “soak up” as much information from their predecessors as possible about this challenging weather region.

“We’re virtually in a bowl,” Sergeant Adams said. “We have mountains all around us, and we’re sitting at the mouth of a valley. That, combined with our high elevation, can make predicting the weather very difficult.”

Teamwork is one of the primary ways around some of the challenges the weather flight faces, he said.

“We operate in three different locations on Bagram,” said Sergeant Adams, “but we all meet twice a day to put our heads together and discuss the weather patterns.”

People from the weather flight here communicate regularly with weather forecasters in the Central Air

Forces’ 28th Operational Weather Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., and the Navy Meteorological Operation Center in the Southwest Asia area of operation.

Forecasters, such as Staff Sgt. Paul Walker, work an average of 13 hours a day briefing pilots, taking weather observations and issuing warnings and advisories for different weather conditions.

“I spend about the first two hours after shift change going over what already happened the night before,” Sergeant Walker said. “After that, it’s a constant onslaught of tasks for the rest of the day.”

Forecasting the weather has always been important to Sergeant Walker, but making forecasts that directly affect Operation Enduring Freedom help him feel like he is somehow making more of a difference.

“Being able to tell the pilots that they will be able to see to put their bombs on target is all I need to know.”

The challenges faced by the weather flight just make work that much more fun, Walker said.

“I love what I do,” he said. “It’s a challenge every day I come in to work. I like that.”

Besides forecasting the weather, flight airmen also operate a flag-flying program. They have a flagpole outside their office where people can fly a flag and take it back with them as a souvenir.

“To have their own flag that has flown over Afghanistan is something they can take back with them, fly at their own house and be proud of,” he said.

“It’s a challenge every day I come into work – I like that.”  
– Staff Sgt. Paul Walker, weather forecaster

Sports, health activities set for Laughlin

By Col. Dan Woodward  
47th Flying Training Wing commander

Energy, strength, moral courage, physical courage, stamina – these words define the American spirit and serve to draw us together when our challenges are greatest. Today, as never before, these attributes are a fundamental part of a ready Air and Space Expeditionary Force.

Leaders at all levels understand the pressures our troops and families face in today’s military environment. Deployments are up as we fight the war on terrorism throughout the world. And while the pressures of a deployed environment take a toll, so does the workload left for those back at the home station where the mission continues to roar full-speed ahead.

As a result, Team XL is beginning a new emphasis on health and wellness that, coupled with spiritual and mental fitness, will help make all of us more prepared to meet the challenges of today’s Air Force.

Currently, our ergonometry pass rule is solid. We have a variety of fitness and athletic programs that are used by hundreds to enhance their personal well-being. We will break ground on a new \$11 million dollar fitness center this year. And I see remarkable energy in virtually every corner of our great base. Yet, I know we can do more.

Each month, the *Border Eagle* will publish a calendar of events designed for you specifically. From smoking cessation to martial arts to fitness walks and runs, there will be something that suits your goals. I urge you to take full advantage of this calender and all it offers. We will fill it more as time goes by.

In the meant time, keep charging toward our “outstanding ORI” and all that comes with the bragging rights that follow that level of success. You are truly the best of America and our Air Force – Aim High and never look back!

November: American Diabetes Month



**Nov. 5 – Obstetrics orientation** will be held for pregnant women and their spouses from 9 to 11 a.m. in the 47th Medical Group clinic training room. Information will be given on overall health considerations during pregnancy to include diet, exercise and expected changes. The orientation will also include information on Tricare benefits and local resources. For more information, call Judy Rhinesmith at 298-6351.

**Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Basic nutrition and fitness class** to get started on a weight-loss exercise program is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m. at the health and wellness center. For more information, call the HAWC at 298-6464.

**Nov. 8 – A self-management course for individuals with diabetes** or concerned family members who want to learn more about diabetes is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon at the health and wellness center. Topics covered will include: what is diabetes, nutrition, exercise, medications, complications and monitoring. For more information, call 298-6464.

**Nov. 14 – A pediatric self-care program** will be presented from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the 47th Medical Group clinic training room. Dr. (Capt.) Tad Shirley, 47th Medical Operations Squadron pediatrician, will present information for parents of young children. Topics will include when to call a doctor, how to treat minor injuries, fever and rashes. For details, call the HAWC at 298-6464.



**Nov. 15 – Low-fat holiday treats** will be available for sampling from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the commissary. If you like the treats, take home that recipe. For details, call the HAWC at 298-6464.



**Nov. 21 – Great American Smokeout** is scheduled at the health and wellness center. The GAS is an annual challenge for smokers to stop completely for at least one day. The HAWC will offer “adoption kits” for anyone wishing to adopt a smoker for a day. Kits will be available Nov. 12. For more information, call the HAWC at 298-6464.

**Nov. 18 – Stress Management Seminar** including tips on how to survive the Operation Readiness Inspection is scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon and noon until 1 p.m. at Club XL. The class will deal with strategies to get through the high-anxiety levels associated with visits from the inspector general teams. For details, call the life skills clinic at 298-6464.

**Nov. 23 – Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk** is scheduled for 11 a.m. beginning at the XL Fitness Center parking lot. Call the XL Fitness Center at 298-5251 to sign up.



**November Aerobics Schedule –** Several classes are offered at the XL Fitness Center throughout November. Aerobics classes are conducted every day in November except Nov. 2 and Nov. 28 and include step, cardio, power yoga, spin and ball workouts. For times and dates of November aerobic workouts, call the XL Fitness Center at 298-5326.

The XL Fitness Center has many programs in place for those wanting to lose a few pounds or just get in shape. For more information on specific programs, call 298-5251.

# Sportslines

## Equipment class

The XL Fitness Center is demonstrating the proper use of its new weight and cardio equipment at 3 p.m. Nov. 9. Everyone interested should sign up by Thursday. For more information call, 298-5251.

## Aerobics programs

The XL Fitness Center has a variety of aerobics programs available throughout the week at different times to suit all fitness levels. Step, Spin, Cardio Kickboxing and Power Yoga classes are available for Laughlin people to attend. Monday – Friday classes are scheduled at 9 a.m., Monday – Thursday includes a noon and 5:30 p.m. class and Monday and Wednesday Power Yoga is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. All classes are free and conducted by well informed, certified instructors. For more information, schedules are available at the XL Fitness Center, or call 298-5251.

## Cross country

All active-duty members interested in competing for a spot on the Air Force cross country team must submit Air Force Form 303 by Dec. 30. Forms are available at the fitness center. For more information, call 298-5251.

## Football standings

<u>AFC</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>NFC</u>	<u>W/L</u>
LSI	4-2	47th Med GP	4-0
47th CES	3-2	86th Rio Lobos	4-2
		SFS	0-5
<u>XFL</u>	<u>W/L</u>		
47th OSS	5-0		
47th CCS	3-3		

## XL Fitness Center hours

**Monday – Thursday:**  
5 a.m. to midnight

**Friday:**  
5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Saturday – Sunday:**  
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Holidays:**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.